

In light of the recent announcement that the House Ethics Committee found Rep. Charlie Rangel (NY-15) violated House ethics rules, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) issued the following statement:

"With the House Ethics Committee's finding that Congressman Rangel violated the ban on corporate funded travel, I believe it would be most appropriate for Mr. Rangel to step aside as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee.

The American people are facing enormous challenges, and Congress must be completely focused, without distraction, on the important work that remains to be done to continue creating jobs, fixing health care, and turning our economy around."